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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN RENUNCIATION OF FY-78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: A. BRASILIA 2795 B. BRASILIA A-53 C. STATE 86329
D. BRASILIA 1736 (NOTAL) E. BRASILIA 1739 (NOTAL)

1. WE NOTE THAT DEFINITION OF ELEMENTS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE CONTAINED IN SEC 502B(HUMAN RIGHTS) OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY PL94-329, JUNE 30, 1976 INCLUDES "ANY LICENSE IN EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPORT OF DEFENSE SERVICES." EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER IN RENOUNCING FY-78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE BRAZIL ALSO DISQUALIFIED ITSELF FROM COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF ITEMS ON THE MUNITIONS CONTROL LIST AND AS TO EXTENT OF ANY FLEXIBILITY AVAILABLE TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION.

2. REFS A AND B, WHICH CONSISTED OF A JBUSMC STUDY OF THE
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EFFECTS OF BRAZIL'S RENUNCIATION OF FY-78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND DENUNCIATION OF 1952 MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY, ASSUMED AS WORST CASE THAT BRAZIL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE ANY ITEMS ON MUNITIONS CONTROL LIST THROUGH DIRECT COMMERCIAL PURCHASES FROM US MANUFACTURERS. AS WORST CASE ANALYSIS SHOWED, LOSS OF COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL ITEMS IN ADDITION TO LOSS OF FMS CASH PURCHASE CAPABILITY WOULD

CREATE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES FOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT OF BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES. AS WE HAVE REPORTED, BRAZILIANS HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FOCUS ON WHAT ELEMENTS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE THEY THINK GOB GAVE UP. THERE IS EVIDENCE GOB DID NOT INTEND TO GIVE UP EITHER FMS CASH SALES OR ABILITY TO MAKE COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF MUNITIONS CONTROL LIST ITEMS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AS IT AFFECTS BRAZIL. RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ARA/ECA INDICATED POSSIBILITY THAT GOB ELIGIBILITY FOR FMS CASH PURCHASES COULD CONTINUE DURING FY-78 EVEN AFTER REMOVAL OF BRAZIL FROM SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. WE, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN HAVING BRAZIL MAINTAIN ITS ELIGIBILITY AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH US LAW, BRAZILIAN DESIRES AS EXPRESSED IN THEIR MARCH 4 NOTE (REFD) AND MORE RECENT ORAL STATEMENTS TO EMBASSY BRASILIA 3224).
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